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SUBJ: 27TH SESSION, INTERNATIONAL WHALING COMMISSION,
JUNE 23-27, LONDON

REF: STATE 112996, PRETORIA 1795

1. ECON OFFICER MADE AQPROACH REQUESTED IN REFTELS TO DR. DE
JAGER, DIRECTOR OF SEA FISHERIES, MAY 22, AND GAVE HIM LETTER
SUMMARIZING POINTS MADE IN PARAS 3 AND 4 OF STATE 112996.

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2. DE JAGER WELCOMED U.S. DECISION TO FOREGO PLACING TEN-YEAR MORATORIUM ON AGENDA THIS YEAR, CONCURS IN U.S. POSITION WITH RESPECT TO AUSTRALIAN AMENDMENT, AND NEED FOR EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION THIS YEAR TO INSURE FUTURE OF IWC AS EFFECTIVE MECHANISM FOR CONSERVATION OF WHALE STOCKS.

3. IT IS DE JAGER'S OPINION THAT U.S. DECISION ON MORATORIUM WILL GENERATE FAVORABLE RESPONSE FROM MOST MEMBERS AS NECESSARY DEPARTURE FROM PAST, AND MAY BE PSYCHOLOGICALLY HELPFUL IN CREATING CLIMATE FOR JAPANESE COOPERATION IN THIS YEAR'S NEGOTIATIONS.

4. HE ADDED THAT EVEN IF MORATORIUM COULD BE ACHIEVED, NO COUNTRY WOULD THEN BE ABLE OR WILLING TO AFFORD THE EXPENSE ASSOCIATED WITH THE COLLECTION OF THE SCIENTIFIC DATA REQUIRED TO ESTABLISH ACCEPTABLE CONSERVATION GUIDELINES TO FUTURE QUOTAS. THIS WAS A FUNDAMENTAL REASON FOR OPPOSING THE MORATORIUM APPROACH, AND AS SOUTH AFRICA IS CONCERNED THAT FUTURE DECISIONS BE BASED ON THE BEST AVAILABLE SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION HE WAS PLEASED AND ENCOURAGED BY THE U.S. CONCESSION.

5. DR. DE JAGER WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE JUNE MEETING AS SOUTH AFRICA'S COMMISSIONER, AND WILL ARRIVE IN LONDON ONE WEEK IN ADVANCE OF THE 27TH SESSION IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE IWC COMMISSIONERS' PREPARATORY MEETING. HE WOULD WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE A FULL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WITH U.S. COMMISSIONER WHITE AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE U.S. DELEGATION SOON AFTER ARRIVAL IN LONDON.

6. DR. PETER BEST WILL REPRESENT SOUTH AFRICA AT MEETINGS OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE.
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